

REMARKS

Applicants have modified the independent claims to include:

wherein the first area, the second area, and the third area are each located beneath a final group of two-layered transfer electrodes, and there is less transfer channel area beneath the final group of two-layered transfer electrodes than located beneath the other groups of two-layered transfer electrodes.

Applicants submit that the prior art of record show no teaching nor suggestion whatsoever, whether considered alone, in combination, regarding applicants invention, which advantageously improves the operating characteristics of the device. Specifically, there is no teaching or suggestion regarding the tapering of the transfer channels now specified. In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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